GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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Availability of Rural Jobs
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether rural job scheme is leading to dearth of labours in plantation sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) &(b): No, Madam. The works under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) are opened on demand for providing unskilled manual work. The persondays created under MGNREGS are estimated to cover less than 5% of the total persondays available in rural areas. Nearly 2/3rd of the works take place during the lean agricultural season. Besides, as per amendment vide Notification dated 3rd January, 2014 to Schedule-I Para 4 Category A(v), tree plantation and horticulture in common and forest lands, road margins, canal bunds, tank foreshores and coastal belts duly providing right to usufructs to the households specified in Para 5 of the Schedule-I, have been allowed under MGNREGS.

(c) Does not arise.

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